

amendments, do you have closing? Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, when I presented this bill before the Judiciary Committee I asked for some additional patience because I was coming bearing messages from the federal government and some of those messages are being presented to us in a nonnegotiable form. And I would say to you at the onset that although I agree very strongly with the principle of what is being done in LB 715, I wouldn't agree with every particular of the bill. But what is in 715, with the exception of two items that I will explicitly identify for you, is a process that is required by the federal government and it is a process that deals generally with the review of child support judgments, that is in later years after the divorce decree is reentered...has been entered, in later years, how are these judgments reviewed, when, by whom, using what process, at what expense, those kinds of questions. Under the current law when a divorce decree is entered, if there is child support, alimony, property settlement, of course, all that is taken care of in the divorce decree and there are Supreme Court guidelines that set out how the district court judges, the trial court judges are to approach the question of child support, alimony and property settlement. And I know a lot of you are interested generally in how that goes and so I have passed out to you for your perusal, should you be interested, a copy of the current Nebraska child support guidelines which tells you a lot about how it all works at the divorce proceedings. But based upon those guidelines then a decree is entered and child support is set, property settlement is set, alimony is set and now along comes the federal government and says basically that we don't think you're reviewing these decrees over the years in a thorough and thoughtful manner as they should be reviewed and we want you to change your system. And I have passed out to you a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services which is the directive to our Department of Social Services to change the system or else, just in case you want to get a flavor of how the